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Items of Interest

Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP)	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
2013 Prevention Status Reports by State	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Target America: Opening Eyes to the Damage Drugs Cause	Drug Enforcement Administration
Drug Abuse Costs Employers \$81 Billion Per Year	EHS Today
CVS Probed in Alleged Loss of Painkillers	Los Angeles Times
Heroin Research Report	National Institute of Drug Abuse
Why Aren't Doctors Drug Tested?	New York Times
Hand-Held Treatment for Overdoses Is Approved	New York Times
Reducing Prescription Drug Abuse: Lessons Learned from an NGA Policy Academy	National Governors Association
Drug Smugglers Have a New Cargo: Cheap Prescriptions Meds from Mexico	PBS Newshour
Massachusetts Bans Sale of FDA-approved Zogenix Painkiller	Reuters
HHS Releases Security Risk Assessment Tool on with HIPAA Compliance	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
VA Initiative Shows Early Promise in Reducing Use of Opioids for Chronic Pain	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Zohydro Maker Touts Drug Safety Board	US News and World Report
New Herbal Stimulant Creates Buzz, Worry about Addiction	USA Today
Marijuana Industry's Full-Time Lobbyist	Washington Post

Prescription Drug Studies and Research

[Opioid Analgesic Prescribing for Headaches Rises in U.S. Emergency Departments](#)

American College of Medical Toxicology

[Prescriptions for Opioids Stabilizing After Fivefold Increase in 10-Year Span](#)

HealthCanal

[ERs Dispensing More Narcotic Painkillers: Study](#)

HealthDay

[Many US Seniors Get Prescription Painkillers from Multiple Doctors](#)

HealthDay

[Prescription Drug Monitoring and Dispensing Prescription Opioids](#)

National Institutes of Health

[5 Things to Know about Opioid Overdoses](#)

Office of National Drug Control Policy

[What America's Users Spend on Illegal Drugs: 2000-2010](#)

Office of National Drug Control Policy

[America's New Drug Policy Landscape](#)

PewResearch Center for the People & the Press

[Using the Theory of Planned Behavior to Examine Pharmacists' Intention to Utilize a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Database](#)

Science Direct

Upcoming Training Opportunities and Conferences

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May

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| 4-7 | National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Annual Technology & Business Conference - Scottsdale, AZ |
| 7-9 | 20th National Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities (TASC) Conference on Drugs, Crime & Reentry - Birmingham, AL |
| 15-16 | National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators – Multi-State Training Conference - Rising Sun, IN |
| 16-20 | 2014 National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers: The Future of Addiction Treatment – Charlotte, NC |

June

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| 8-10 | 2014 International Conference on Opioids - Boston, MA |
| 23-27 | Principles and Practice of Pain Medicine - Cambridge, MA |
| 28-29 | DEA Pharmacy Diversion Awareness Conference - Phoenix, AZ |

July

- 12-13 [DEA Pharmacy Diversion Awareness Conference](#) - Philadelphia, PA
- 17-18 [National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators – Multi-State Training Conference](#) – New Orleans, LA
- 20-24 [CADCA's Mid-Year Training Institute 2014](#) – Orlando, FL
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